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Inmate Death at USP Yazoo City

WASHINGTON, D.C.: On Thursday, April 30, 2020, inmate Randy Bise reported to Health Services staff at the United States Penitentiary (USP) Yazoo City, Mississippi, for headache, loss of appetite, and feeling weak. On May 1, 2020, he tested positive for COVID-19 and was placed in isolation. On Saturday, May 2, 2020, he went into respiratory failure and staff immediately initiated life-saving measures. Staff requested Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and life-saving efforts continued. On Saturday, May 2, 2020, Mr. Bise, who had long-term, pre-existing medical conditions which the CDC lists as risk factors for developing more severe COVID-19 disease, was pronounced dead by EMS personnel.

Mr. Bise was a 57-year-old male who was sentenced in the Western District of Arkansas to a 360-month sentence for Obscene Matter and Production of Child Pornography. He had been in custody at USP Yazoo City since October 13, 2018.

USP Yazoo City is a High security facility that currently houses 868 male offenders.

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